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Santa Claus was in his usual high spirits, waving to the crowd of children and adults who lined the streets for the Santa Claus Parade in Haliburton on Friday night, Nov. 26. See more photos on page 4. Darren Lum Echo Staff

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Hospice units next phase for hospital?

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton Highlands Health Services is looking at the creation of a palliative care, hospice-type space at its Haliburton Village facility.

HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush told members of the HHHS board at its Nov. 25 meeting that increased palliative care space was something the county would need as its aging population continues to get older.

Rosebush said that at the Haliburton facility there is space behind the maternity area and lounge to build a small addition allowing for a two-bed palliative environment, with a kitchen, a family waiting room and a separate entrance to the outdoors.

The addition could be built off an existing patient room, the entrance to which would be outfitted with doors for increased privacy.

"Two beds I think is reasonable . . . and appropriate for our community," Rosebush said, adding that "it's not something that can happen overnight."

He said a feasibility study for such a project would be required to see how much funding is available.

The Central East Local Health Integration Network, of which Haliburton County is part, does receive provincial monies to go towards palliative care, although these funds are rarely taken advantage of.

"In a small, rural community, it is almost impossible to generate a stand-alone, hospice facility," Rosebush said, explaining that such a facility would not be used frequently enough to make paying staff and operational costs worth-

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The Haliburton Echo's gingerbread house is one of many in the competition for bragging rights at Todd's Independent this year. Stop by and vote for the best house any time up to Dec. 8. We recommend choosing the little blue house.

Jenn Watt Echo staff

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Lois Raw exhibition opens

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news and events worth noting

From Dec. 4 to Jan. 15, the work of Lois Raw will be on display at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton.

Raw works in pastels and her works include townscapes of Haliburton, Minden and Kinmount.

Some of the sketches show the construction being done on York Street, just outside the gallery.

Meet the artist at the opening reception Saturday, Dec. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. See the work during gallery hours: Wednesday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 12 to 4 p.m.

(The gallery is closed Dec. 24 to Jan. 4 inclusive.) For more information go to www.railsendgallery.com.

Ziggy the Clown bids adieu

Famous for his appearances in parades and fairs across Haliburton County, Paul Thompson a.k.a. Ziggy the Clown, is packing up his purple wig, balloon kit and top hat and heading for Lindsay.

Thompson is enrolled in the personal support worker program at Fleming College and hopes to work in a caring profession after graduation – including clowning.

Nikki, Ziggy's goat, will be staying with a local family. The Haliburton Santa Claus Parade last Friday was his last performance in Haliburton.

MPP releases album

Local Liberal MPP Rick Johnson has released an album with his wife, Terri, called *Life Lines*.

Man charged for drinking on ATV

A 22-year-old Wilberforce man is facing multiple charges after being caught drunk on his ATV, a police press release says.

On Nov. 25, Bancroft OPP responded to a traffic complaint on Loop Road in Highlands East when the officer found a man on his all-terrain vehicle.

He was arrested and brought to the detachment for an "intoxilyzer" test and was subsequently charged with breach of probation, driving disqualified, impaired operation of a motor vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in his blood.

Businesses, send us your festive pics

Now that the snow's here everyone's getting into the holiday spirit, including local businesses.

To showcase all the hard work going on around the county – from stringing lights to crafting snowflakes to building snowmen – the *Echo* is dedicating part of its Season's Greetings section to beautiful business decorations.

Send in your photos to editor@haliburtonecho.ca and we'll print it in Season's Greetings (on shelves Dec. 21).

All photos must be in by Friday, Dec. 10.

A professional musician his entire working life (up until last year when he won a spot in the legislature), Johnson started his career as a member of the Terri Crawford Band.

"Two songs on the new release were informed by politics. The track 'Word on the Street' came from watching political scrums and media hounding celebrities," wrote the *Toronto Star's* Jim Coyle of the new album.

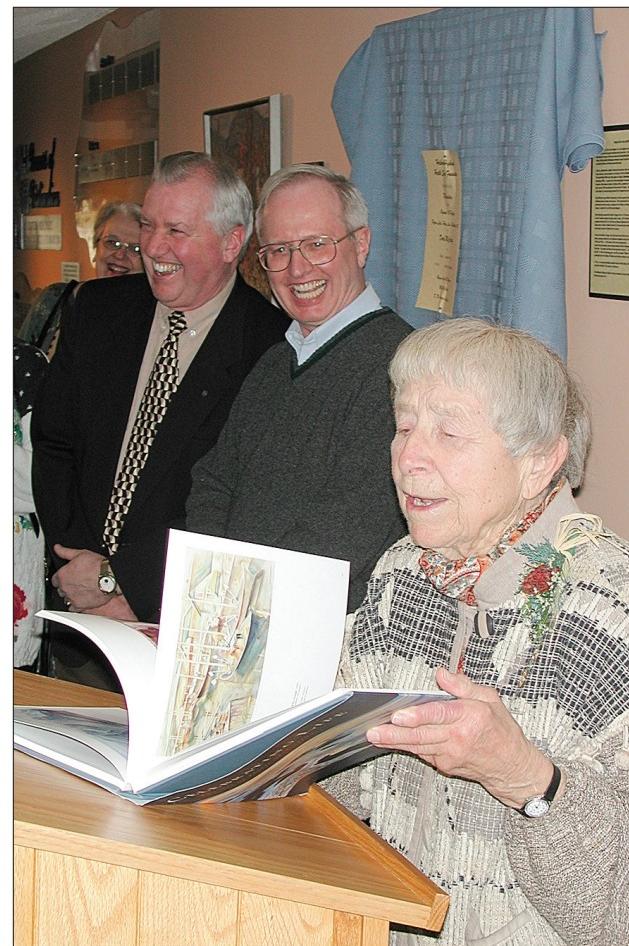
Johnson most recently performed at Haliburton's tree lighting ceremony.

Kashag cottagers profiled in Cottage Life

Long-time Kashagawigamog Lake cottagers John Southcombe and his daughter, Ann, were written up in the latest edition of *Cottage Life* magazine.

The article by Jim Moodie takes the reader on a tour through the Ohioans' summer retreat, focusing on their quirky habits and relationship to nature around them – including the squirrels, bears, fish and other critters.

Other Highlanders featured in the issue include Minden's Lyn Winans, Tory Hill's Lori Tsotsos, Miskwabi Lake's Gwen Sampson and the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council.



Painter of Highlands passes away at 100

Doris McCarthy, above, flips through a book of her artwork, *Celebrating Life*, at the unveiling of a donated painting at Haliburton Highlands Health Services in 2000, with Don and Robert Popple at her side. McCarthy visited Haliburton often, painting with her good friend Ethel Curry. Her art still hangs at the Haliburton Hospital beside Curry's. She passed away Nov. 25 at the age of 100.

/File photo by Martha Perkins

Palliative care beds would cost additional \$135,000 for HHHS

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while.

There are currently no residential, stand-alone hospices in the CE LHIN.

A new idea, though, is to incorporate a hospice facility into hospitals themselves, which has been done in B.C.'s Fraser Valley.

During the last year, HHHS had 28 palliative patients, whose average stay was 8.3 days. The average stay in a hospice is 18 days.

Board director Hugh Nichol wanted to know what the operational costs for two palliative beds would be and was told it would equate to the hiring of an additional RN for 12 hours a day, or approximately \$135,000 a year.

Nichol said the board didn't have that kind of money, but Rosebush said he'd been in talks with some community partners and was confident HHHS could staff the area while only having to pay half of that cost.



Kids take to the air

JDHES Grade 4 student Oasis pauses after recording the reading of her interpretation of her chosen song expected to be broadcasted on the Needles and Threads radio show as hosted by Ron Evans, right, on Monday night between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. **Darren Lum** Echo Staff

Free clinic response has dentist smiling

Jenn Watt
Editor

They should have been smiling: he was, after all, fixing their children's teeth.

But many parents who brought their kids in to dentist Dr. Bill Kerr couldn't smile comfortably - their teeth were too decayed. And while the Ontario government provides money for children under 17 from low-income families to have dental work done, there is nothing for adults, leaving many to suffer with pain, infection and social anxiety.

"There is the pain and infection and the inability to think or concentrate when you're in pain or when you're fighting an infection ... but there's also a social component to it; if you don't feel that you can smile because people will see your teeth then it definitely has an impact on how you function in society and also your likelihood of being employed," Kerr said.

The necessity of good dental care was what motivated him and Haliburton dental hygienist Lisa Stoughton to travel to Honduras in 2009 and 2010 to help children with basic procedures and it is what ultimately motivated their plan to open a free dental clinic for Haliburton County.

"On our way coming back from Honduras the first year we were very excited about what we had done: we had helped more than 300 children over there, but we kind of had the feeling that it's lovely going to another country and ... helping out but our own little community is in desperate need of our help as well," Stoughton said of their first discussion in 2009.

"One thing that we really noticed around here [in Haliburton County] were unhealthy smiles or lack of smiles due to lack of dental care and lack of funds for dental care. It's disappointing to see, especially with the way your oral

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We wanted to give people back some dignity as well, to be able to smile again.

— *Lisa Stoughton, dental hygienist*

health affects your overall health. We wanted to give people back some dignity as well, to be able to smile again," said Stoughton, who has her own clinic on Highland Street and has been a dental hygienist for 13 years.

"Now it's just a few months away from being a reality, which is wonderful, and that's what we want to do around here - to have it be a community-oriented clinic - and everybody seems to want to jump on board and help out because this is a great community," she said.

It took only a few phone calls and a few contacts made before the entire social justice community rallied around the plan - something Kerr found surprising.

"Our county is just so awesome; people get excited and there are so many people who volunteer and do so many great things in Haliburton County. I probably should have expected it, but I really didn't, so it's really cool to see," he said. Kerr has been a dentist since 1987 and has spent the last five years volunteering at a free clinic in Scarborough as well as practising commercial dentistry and working Fridays at Dr. Ed Smolen's clinic.

Since initially broaching the idea, everyone from contractors to dental workers to business owners have rallied behind Kerr and Stoughton and an incredible amount of

work has already been done in creating what will be called the Haliburton County Volunteer Dental Outreach clinic, though the location is yet to be firmed up.

Most recently, Dr. Bill Ryding of the health unit has used his discretionary fund to donate \$5,000 to the clinic and the Haliburton County Development Corporation has added \$2,500 to hire a consultant for a business plan.

Local entrepreneurs Janis Parker and Maarten Steinkamp have both pledged their support, contractors Alex Roome and Jason Reay have agreed to renovate whatever space is found, Patient News Publishing will add their expertise and contacts from the dental industry, Smolen has donated a dental chair with light, cuspidor and dental unit and an X-ray unit, Dr. David Butera will be donating extra equipment from his dentistry practice and SIRCH has set up a link on their website to donate to the project.

"I can't fund the whole office out of my real office, so basically we need money," Kerr said. He's unsure of how much money is needed at this point. While all staff will be volunteers there are still the expenses of supplies, rent, administration and accommodation.

The social services of the county are also excited about the clinic, and Kerr has been in regular contact with the 4Cs food bank and SIRCH about how to screen appropriately for those in need.

One of the provincial government's 2007 election promises was to provide dental care to low-income adults, but money was directed to children instead.

According to a recent Health Canada report, 17 per cent of Canadians do not go to the dentist because it is too costly. Thirty two per cent do not have dental coverage.

The dental outreach clinic is supposed to be up and running by the spring and will be free of charge for patients. Those interested in donating should contact Kerr or SIRCH: bill_kerr@sympatico.ca or info@sirch.on.ca.



The children on the Heritage Ballet Studio Christmas float, dressed in costume for the upcoming *Nutcracker* performance, wave to the crowds that came to see the bands and floats in the Santa Claus parade.

Parading through town

The main street of Haliburton was alive with a stream of floats and vehicles, adorned with strings of lights, carrying people of all ages. The sounds of Christmas was heard from small float bands, including the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes, the Kawartha Kavaliers drum corps of Lindsay, the Correctional Service Canada Community Pipes and Drums at the annual Santa Claus parade on Friday night, Nov. 26.



Clothed in the colours of Christmas, the Haliburton Dance Arts studio dancers were kicking up a storm, throwing their arms in the air.



Children of all ages waited in anticipation for Santa Claus, with and without reindeer antlers or Rudolph red noses.

Photos by Darren Lum



A study of focus as a drummer plays with the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes.

At left, it would have taken more than cold weather to dampen the Christmas and patriotic spirit of people in the parade.

An experience of capital proportions

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

A recent trip to Ottawa has brought greater understanding of the work behind the political scene for one senior high school student.

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Hayley Sullivan was one of more than a dozen students who participated in the Capital Experience that provides insight into the inner workings of Ottawa for three days, starting on Oct. 24.

Chosen for her interest in politics and law, Sullivan said, "I learned that there is a lot that happens behind the scenes like it's not all about making the speeches that people talk about. There are a lot of other things that happen."

She visited Parliament on the first day, the South Korean Embassy, Amnesty International, the Department of Federal Trade and Communications on the second day and sat in on Question Period at the House of Commons on the third day.

"I feel like I know a lot more about being a politician and about working for something like Amnesty International. When I think about what I want to be I [now] know more about what they do," she said, adding she has more options to think about.

With a regular diet of news and awareness of social issues, the Grade 12 teen was intrigued by the work and discussion sur-

rounding social issues in the news such as the Omar Khadr case and the election.

"A really cool part was [visiting] Amnesty International. Just because the people who worked there were really, really into what they did and what was going on ... in the Omar Khadr case. I thought that was really interesting. I also thought listening in on question period was really interesting."

Khadr, who has been held since October, 2002, accused of killing a U.S. soldier in Afghanistan, is the last Western prisoner at the Guantanamo Bay detention centre.

Most recently he pleaded guilty after initial not guilty pleas to charges of murder, attempted murder, conspiring with terrorists, spying and providing material support to terrorists.

MP Barry Devolin started the Capital Experience program and it encourages youth to get involved and learn more about careers related to politics.

The three-day program of events and meetings in the nation's capital started in 2004 and is open to secondary school students from Devolin's riding of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock.

It expanded to include students from Apsley and Dorset last year.

Sullivan, who played Varsity B field hockey for HHSS, has also participated in last year's mock G8 and will be involved with the high school's upcoming model United Nations.



Red Hawks bring Christmas cheer

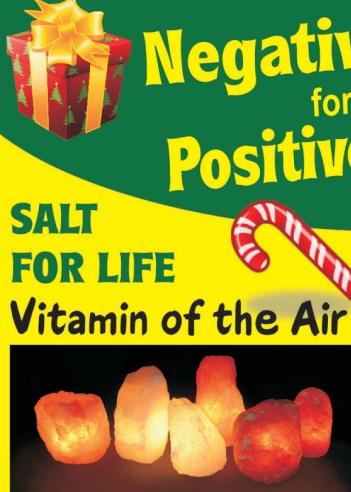
Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students, left, Nairen Nesbitt, Grade 12, and Greg Foster, Grade 11, who are both in Mr. Fockler's manufacturing class prepare the parking meter on Highland Street so they can place a Christmas meter cover they helped make this past Friday afternoon in Haliburton. It was a partnership between the manufacturing class and the Grade 10 arts class who helped paint the covers. There were 15 covers added after 20 were made and added to the downtown last year.

Darren Lum Echo staff



Hayley Sullivan had her understanding of the world broadened with a recent trip to Ottawa as part of the Capital Experience. The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 student is considering a future in politics and law, including other areas of interest.

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points of view

Making hard decisions

WHEN THINGS don't transpire the way we think they should it's frustrating.

When doctors won't come to Haliburton County no matter how much we beg and plead, or when tourists won't embrace new festivals or attractions it's disappointing.

Which is why, despite how much it might hurt, we have to try something new.

This week's paper outlines examples of these types of situations; county council is batting around the idea of offering financial incentives to doctors who relocate to the Highlands, meanwhile we discover that the new regional tourism organization (fortuitously named Ontario's Highlands) may require an additional tax to allow it to function past 2012.

Both of these situations chafe the sensibilities of taxpayers in tight economic times.

How can we, a county with a tiny population and low average income level, be expected to foot the bills for these things?

It seems incredibly unfair that in order to receive adequate health care, we must fork out \$50,000 to pay a physician just to move here.

Just about as unfair as asking "roofed accommodators" (those who run bed and breakfasts, motels and hotels) to charge their customers another three per cent on top of the HST.



Jenn Watt
Editor

These are hard decisions to make. And perhaps neither of these suggestions will come to pass. We have a new county council coming in December and the tourism levy will only transpire if 51 per cent or more of the region's accommodations vote in favour.

But the sentiment is that if we always do what we've always done, we'll never get ahead, no matter how unreasonable the alternative is.

It is what Bill Kerr and Lisa Stoughton wrangled with in deciding to launch a free dental clinic due to open in Haliburton in the spring.

Kerr said he was frustrated that the provincial government wouldn't cover dentistry in the same way it covers surgery - not even for low-income adults.

The status quo was to continue to lobby the government for more money, but all the while people were suffering with infected mouths and rotting teeth.

So, as backward as it is for the community to fill the gap that should be covered by the province, the pair stepped up.

The community has subsequently stepped up, too.

This county shouldn't have to accommodate for underfunded programs or service shortages, but the reality is that we have to.

To get what we need sometimes we have to do it ourselves.



Roadside tree

photo by Darren Lum

Shrinkage

FINALLY, anglers have been rewarded with scientific proof supporting what we have been saying all along. Yes, European scientists have now proclaimed that fish shrink significantly in cold.

The announcement followed a study that determined that small brown trout contract by as much as 10 per cent in frigid waters. Conversely, their size enlarges (to a point) in warmer habitat. This will come as no surprise to any male member of the Polar Bear Club. Then again, perhaps member is not the right word.

The most important point is that all those puny fish I caught last ice fishing season were actually much bigger than they initially appeared. In fact, they were probably so large that I'll have to modify my stories.

That one-pound rainbow trout? Well, in warmer water it would have probably gone a respectable four to five pounds. Heck, it's a wonder I could lift the bait-fish I used.

You know, this news is good on a number of levels. For one thing, I've never thought that science had a place in the outdoor sports, television, or any educational system that I was forced to attend. But now I'm starting to believe otherwise.

This information is groundbreaking. In fact, it might now become my guiding principle in every discussion on winter angling that I have from here on in.

Because of this I am thinking of starting a charity that asks people to knit sweaters for fish. I'd give them to anglers who fish on some of the catch-and-release waters I visit. It's a small gesture but it could pay off in big dividends in creating a stylish trophy fishery. Just think of how a wet wool sweater would add to a fish's weight.

Of course, there is a down side. The problem with good news is that non-believers are always looking for an ulterior motive. For instance, some people are suggesting that these scientists have reasons of their own for this study.

After all, they are Nordic and probably wear Speedos regularly.

Who knows? And who cares.

Would it even matter if the scientists were hardcore anglers who were looking for more sophisticated excuses to explain why \$3,000 worth of gear was catching four-ounces worth of fish? Nor does it matter that keeping a tub of warm water out on the ice (for showing off purposes) presents huge logistical problems. What counts is that an excuse that we've desperately clung to all along has been proven valid by respectable, educated people. I say give them a Nobel Prize!

It's not going to make any difference in my catch. It's not going to change the way I fish either. But it will provide me with a line of defence when non-anglers laugh at my catch this winter.

Call it cold comfort.



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Tales from Vinegar Hill



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points of view

Glitz and glitter

LIIGHTS AND COLOURS SPARKLED everywhere. Luscious smells wafted between booths, mingling with finely scented soaps, freshly baked breads and gourmet candies. The two figures making their way between these richly textured displays walked slowly. Sometimes they lingered before an especially inviting table, their eyes feasting on a beautifully crafted sweater or piece of jewelry. They touched nothing.

Lydia watched them make their second tour around the Christmas craft show. The two women wore mismatched clothes of the soft fabrics used in lounging outfits and pajamas. Faded hot pink teamed with red and beige, baggy at the knees and frayed at the sleeves. Her roughly cropped hair caught the glow of red and green lights as the older woman glanced from side to side as they walked. Behind her came a younger version, slightly puffy face and equally hungry eyes.



Sharon Lynch
Down our Road

the woman impeccably groomed and their daughter pretty in pink and white. They strolled casually, stopping to finger a quilt or chat with exhibitors. Lydia straightened herself as they approached, eyeing her wares. They looked like buyers to Lydia.

She was correct. After making a purchase, the young couple continued on at a leisurely pace. Clearly they had plenty of time to take in all the craft show had to offer. Then another older pair came into view. To Lydia it was apparent the man was there strictly to keep his elderly wife company. He hung back as she stopped at every display, admiring the work and talking to the craftspeople.

Her coat was of an older style, though immaculate in appearance. A round cap of tight white curls framed a face softly creased from years of smiles. Her husband carried himself with a silent dignity, bending to hear her comments every so often when she turned back to where he stood. Nodding sagely he appeared to agree with everything she said. Lydia watched the older woman buy a single handmade card after several minutes of careful deliberation.

A small café had been set up, offering cold weather food and a place to sit with family and friends. Between spoonfuls of soup and apple crisp, small groupings discussed recent purchases or wares admired and still under consideration. Heavy coats were shrugged off and no one worried about elbows on the table.

The Christmas music swelled as the press of people came in waves through the building's main doors. Red-faced children trailing snowy boots left puddles in their wake. Men in ball caps and grey jogging pants walked with women in oversized ski jackets and tight jeans, their faces thick with makeup. And as the throng ebbed and flowed, the patient vendors for the most part continued to smile, to repeat the same words of explanation and description, to mention the recent snowstorm. They all wondered the same things. Would sales be good today? How long would it take them to pack up at the end of the afternoon? When would they be able to sit down?

There had been a heavy snowfall the previous night and some vendors wondered if the weather would impact how many people came to the show. From Lydia's observations, they probably could not handle any more people than already present. During a lull in customers, she chatted with the quilt maker next to her booth, learning the woman had driven home through a horrific whiteout. At times, she told Lydia, she did not even know if she was still driving on the highway as she crawled desperately toward home. "All I wanted was to make it, to be with my family," she said vehemently. "And to live to sell another day," she added with a twinkle, trying to make light of an obviously frightening experience.

Her words gave Lydia pause. In the end, what really matters has no price tag, no expiry date or style requirements. In the end, we all want the same thing: a life with our loved ones. The rest is fancy packaging.



pic of the past

On Nov. 24, 1976 this was the front page photo of the *Haliburton County Echo*. The Haliburton Beaconsbrook Midgets opened up on Little Britain and came up with a 17-3 win in the game played the previous Saturday night at the Dysart Arena. The big guns for the Midgets were Rod Consack and Bernie Nicholls with 10 points each.

letters to the editor

Grandmother witnesses car speed past school bus

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter to the paper concerning the male driver of a silver grey Chrysler Intrepid with a female passenger who was travelling too fast to get a license number!

This is about your not stopping at a bus stop on County Road 21 near the Allsaw Church at approximately 4:10 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010. The bus driver was stopped, red lights flashing and the yellow arm was out on the front of the bus, with a seven-year-old boy crossing the highway!

You, the driver proceeded through this bus stop, with no intention of slowing down or attempting to stop! Even when the bus driver sounded his horn, your passenger looked up unaware what was happening. I looked up from attending to my three-year-old grandson, as you went speeding past us all not once touching your brakes!

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New hydro billing needs adjusting now, not spring

To the Editor,

The Liberals in their wisdom have come up with a convoluted explanation as to their benefits for hydro rebates to the consumers. First of all we will receive a 10 per cent rebate on our hydro bills. Sound good? Well let's look at the entire picture. Over the next five years our bills will increase 46 per cent. We are still paying the debt retirement charge and when it will end is anyone's guess and now we have the HST on our bills. Low peak hours will start at 7 p.m. instead of 9 p.m. but not take effect until May of 2011. By this time the weather is getting warmer and the days getting longer so we will require less heat and hydro. We require this reduction in peak hours NOW when one requires heat and hydro seeing the weather is colder and it is dark by 4:30.

As far as green energy, the Darlington Nuclear Plant was down for over six months and is still not working at full capacity. The smart meters were named correctly

see THINK page 8

letters

Letter writer shouldn't apologize

To the Editor,

It never ceases to amaze me that we live in such a whining, sniveling, spineless society, where we are unwilling to accept the consequences of our actions.

A person in an ambulance is seen littering. The natural consequence for this action was that an observer, disappointed by thoughtless behavior, took the time to express her feelings in the local newspaper. Then this observer apologizes! She writes that she could have informed the manager of EMS so as not to "offend someone" rather than express herself in a letter to the editor.

Even a six year old knows it's wrong to litter; there used to be a \$50 fine for littering – when \$50 was a lot of money. Isn't littering against the law any more?

The person in the ambulance is likely a kind, caring, person who just did something without thinking. S/he can easily admit that a mistake was made, that it won't happen again and get on with it.

If more people took the time to report littering publicly, the result would be a cleaner environment. Thank you Kimberly V.

Marilyn Whittaker
Haliburton

Driver should take safety course

from page 7

I am thankful to God that this seven-year-old, who is my grandson, was wise enough as he heard the bus horn,

stopped at the yellow line as he watched you speed on by.

These young children trust all drivers with their lives as they cross the highway getting on and off their bus. They are also taught bus safety at a very young age. I would suggest you look into a bus/car safety course or stay off the highway.

I would write this letter to the paper for any child had I witnessed what I did that day!

The words are still ringing in my ear as my grandson came to me and said, "That car almost hit me, Gramma!" I responded

Think twice

from page 7

in so much as we pay high hydro rates when we need such the most.

What about those who are on fixed incomes such as seniors? Have the Liberals considered how these individuals are going to pay for the 46-per-cent, five-year increase? They increased the minimum wage and are going to take this and more from us with their insane philosophy regarding so-called savings to consumers with their ridiculous rebate.

We are paying for those large company video signs seen everywhere in the GTA something that in my opinion is not necessary and use an abundance of hydro. Perhaps the Liberals should look at such advertising signage which causes stress on hydro resources. Where do we see such signage in our area and surrounding areas? We are however, paying for such via our hydro bills. Think twice about it people and caution to the wind if you think Liberal governments' initiatives are going to be good for us.

Bev MacDuff
Gooderham

"Yes, he came too close, but you made a good decision to stop and proceed when safe to do so!"

I would encourage you, the driver, who did this very careless, dangerous action that day, to come forward, be a man accountable for your bad choice and call First Student Bus Lines at 705-457-2567. Acknowledge and take responsibility of your unsafe driving which could have resulted in serious consequences!!

Grandmother of the seven-year-old boy

A Remembrance Day to remember

How pleasing it was to see such a large attendance at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day. The weather was near perfect for the occasion, the sun was shining and very little wind. One could not ask for a more beautiful morning.

This was our first remembrance service at the new cenotaph. What a wonderful improvement over the previous site. Being level with the road, those in attendance could see all that was going on. No longer do we have to lay wreaths behind a wall. A big thank you to Reeve Murray Fearrey and the council for providing Haliburton with a cenotaph to be proud of.

The crowd was the largest I can ever remember and we were so pleased to have the whole of JD Hodgson Elementary School present to witness the ceremony. The students are to be commended for their good behaviour and reverence during the ceremony.

More and more families are taking this opportunity to say thank you to those veterans who have served our country in the past and to applaud the young men and women of the detachment from Petawawa who marched with us as a reminder of those who are serving our country today. The applause from the crowd could be heard over the skirl of the bagpipes as the parade marched past.

This year, as we read the honour roll recalling the names of the young men from Haliburton County who gave their lives in the two world wars, I could feel a sense of history repeating itself. Here we were, looking at these young men and women, resplendent in their uniforms, with chests full of medals, some having just returned from duty in Afghanistan. They, too, have witnessed firsthand the horror of war. With their heads bowed during the silence, I wondered what they might be thinking. One hundred and fifty two of their comrades have given their lives in the service of our country and whose names are now added to cenotaphs across Canada.

On this day of remembrance, the high school Grade 12 drama class presented four performances about the consequences of war, and those Legion members in attendance commend the students and teachers for their excellent performance.

The ladies' auxiliary attended Stuart Baker Elementary School for their remembrance service in the morning and in the afternoon visited Extendicare residents together with a piper.

A separate service was held for the residents at Highland Wood long-term care home.

In the evening, more than 200 people attended the veterans' dinner at the Legion. The dinner was cooked by volunteers from McKecks The Blue Line and served by our Cadets. Thank you to everyone.

Last, I wish to thank everyone who participated in the parade. In particular, our veterans, the pipe band, the colour parties, the Cadets and the troops from Petawawa. I'm sure we did our veterans proud.

Results of the Haliburton Legion Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contests

The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 129, Haliburton, would like to thank the 64 students who participated in this year's Remembrance Day literary and poster contests.

I would also like to thank the teachers, school administration staff and parents, who encouraged their students to make the effort. Your interest and continued support is much needed and very much appreciated.

Without our panel of judges there would be no competition, therefore we thank Suzanne Sovereign, Brigitte Bassie, Joan Cameron, Arlene Hearn and Bill Timms for a job well done. Listed below are the winners of each contest. All first place winners will move on to compete with other entries at the zone level.

Poem Contest

Intermediate (Grades 7, 8 and 9): First, Kristen McKee; second, Abbey Smolen; third, Ainsley Little. Junior (Grades 4, 5 and 6): First, Kala Bird; second, Josh Bellefleur; third, Jillian Sharp

Essay Contest

Intermediate: First, Kimberly Warnica. Junior: First, Brittany Bull; second, Christopher Draper

Poster Contest - Black and White

Intermediate: First, Brooke Stevenson; second, Ainsley Little; third, Christina Stephen. Junior: First, Josh Bellefleur; second, Kenndal Marsden; third, Emma Scheffe. Primary (Grades 1, 2 and 3): First, James Alexander; second, Emily Alexander

Poster Contest - Colour

Intermediate: First, Christina Stephen tied with Tatum McTeague; second, Naomi Russell; third, Cassanota Stoughton. Junior: First, Josh Bellefleur; second, Zachary Williams. Primary: First, Jacob Dobson; second, Jamie Moore; third, Lexie Bridgman; special mention, Grace Judge

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Drivers urgently needed to take people to cancer treatment

While his wife fought her battle with cancer, Minden resident Dave Hollows thought about driving for the Canadian Cancer Society. After his mother became sick with the disease, he knew he could help.

Hollows has been driving with the Canadian Cancer Society since March 2010, and has not looked back since. "I had the time, so I wanted to help." He takes cancer patients from their home to cancer treatment, either to Peterborough, Oshawa, Toronto or Kingston and back home again. "Go to a Relay For Life event and watch the victory lap - you want to do something after that," Hollows says.

Hollows often drives once per week for the society. The impact of the disease on his community cannot be ignored, and clients tell him they are relieved the program is available locally. "Clients say 'I don't know what I would do without you,'" he says, adding that his own wife used the service when she had radiation treatments. Often, clients may not have been able to get to their cancer appointments without the assistance of volunteer drivers.

The Canadian Cancer Society's transportation program has been in operation for more than 50 years, with nearly 13-million kilometres in rides logged within Ontario in 2009. People who are in need of a ride to their cancer treatments must first register with the society, and are matched with an available driver in their general neighbourhood. All volunteer drivers must provide a smoke-free car, possess \$1 million worth of third-party liability insurance, and have no more than three demerit points on record. Volunteer drivers may need to transport more than one client in their vehicle, and can specify how often they are available to drive.

With the continuous increase in and aging of our population, the Canadian Cancer Society forecasts the demand for drivers will far outweigh the current supply, especially in Minden and Haliburton. Some people do not have the financial means to drive themselves, or friends or family to assist. In 2009, two in five Canadians are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. The result: more drivers will be needed to meet an increased need for rides and the local Canadian Cancer Society hopes to add at least eight new volunteer drivers to their roster in these communities.

Haliburton resident Dave Harris started driving just more than one year ago after speaking with a fellow driver. After retirement, he thought "it would be good to give back to the community and help out. Helping people gives me a good feeling." He adds, "driving is the easiest thing you can do if you like doing it."

Harris says clients are "so appreciative - they can't thank you enough." He enjoys his time with clients, saying "once you start talking, you realize they are very interesting people. Time goes by very fast." He enjoys the flexibility the society offers him as a volunteer, saying "I'm not doing this every day - it's not a whole lot of time out of your life."

Drivers are financially compensated for their mileage, but for the "driving Daves," the intrinsic reward is far greater. Dave Hollows says, "People want praise for helping people. But as a volunteer driver, you get so much more out of it."

Dave Harris has this to say to anyone who is thinking of driving: "If you are retired and have some extra time, why not do something valuable in your community - particularly for cancer patients?"

If you wish to volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society as a driver, or if you are a cancer patient in need of a ride to treatment, please contact the local Canadian Cancer Society office in Peterborough at 705-742-3823 or 1-800-463-0432.



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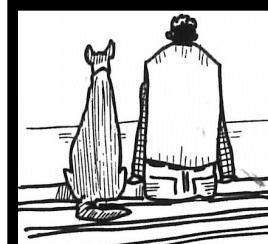
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Haliburton County news

County struggles to recruit doctors

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county's health professionals recruitment committee continues to struggle to attract new doctors to the Highlands, but it does have some new options to look at, according to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services' CEO.

Paul Rosebush made a presentation to county councillors at their Nov. 24 meeting where he spoke of the committee's ongoing battle to bring doctors to the area.

One of these options may be funding medical students' education in return for a promise that, once graduated, they would serve in the community for a given length of time.

Rosebush said the medical school at the University of Michigan had recently opened up 25 spots for Canadian students in a special medical program where the county could fund four years of med school for \$160,000, plus two years of residency, in what Rosebush said would be a long-term investment.

Looking at financial incentives for relocation to the area is another option the county may wish to explore, Rosebush said.

This is a tactic many communities are using and Rosebush thought a relocation grant of \$50,000 or more would be an attractive offer to physicians looking to set up practice.

While Rosebush had looked at the idea of setting up a nurse practitioner clinic in the county, he hadn't been able to find a physician to take the lead on such a project, which is a requirement of the province.

The first class of physician assistants – similar to nurse practitioners in that they can perform some of the functions of a doctor – graduated from a new program at McMaster University this spring. While one of the 24 graduates had a visit to the county scheduled, that individual took a job in another community.

A similar-sized class is scheduled to graduate next spring and the committee will once again be trying to bring physician assistants to the area, Rosebush said.

"We need to work together," he said, explaining that the community needs to come together, pooling its resources, if we are to bring physicians to the area.

The committee itself consists of a cross-section of people from throughout the county and operates on about \$9,000 a year from the county and HHHS. In the past, it has also received some small grants from the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

"The incentives are certainly not there," said outgoing Algoma Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who will continue to sit on the recruitment committee.

While the committee had been batting around the idea of hiring a full-time, professional physician recruiter, she said there was no point in taking this step unless the county was able to come up with some financial incentives to offer potential recruits.

She hoped the new county council would pay close attention to the issue.

The Central East Local Health Integration Network, of which Haliburton County is part, has the third worst patient-physician ratio of the province's 14 LHINs.

While in Toronto, a physician has an average of 750 patients, here the number is twice that.

Because of the dire situation the county's communities are in, Rosebush said they are eligible for provincial funding to help with doctor recruitment efforts.

Dysart et al township is eligible for up to \$92,000; Minden Hills up to \$99,000; Highlands East up to \$102,000; and Algoma Highlands up to \$113,000.

There are 10 doctors on the Haliburton Family Health Team, two at the Kinmount Medical Centre and one family physician in Minden.

Many of these physicians are nearing retirement age.

Winter warmth

Highland Street was alive with the sound of Christmas carols and aglow with Christmas lights after the tree lighting event at the Village Barn in Haliburton on Friday night, Nov. 26. Jerry and Helen Lis donated the tree that measures at least 25 feet in height while the carols were led by MPP Rick Johnson and his wife Terri.



At left, four-year-old Grace Graham applauds the tree lighting at the Village Barn in Haliburton on Friday night. There was a small gathering of young and old for the event that preceded the Santa Claus parade.

Below, four-year-old Sarah Mee sings Jingle Bells with Terri Johnson, wife of MPP Rick Johnson, who both performed.

Darren Lum
Echo staff



arts review

When a family tragedy becomes the inspiration for art

➤ Weird potato art exhibit reveals itself through its story

George Farrell
Special to the Echo

Some very strange, interesting and sad things were revealed at the Rails End Gallery on Saturday, Nov. 20.

Strange, because upon entering, visitors were confronted by what looked to be a white stone path that meandered around the main gallery floor. Closer inspection showed the stones to be ceramic potatoes, and there were also full potato sacks placed strategically in corners, and on a large, centrally located weigh scale.

The only other thing exhibited was a long wooden trough, which housed a single gold-painted ceramic potato perched atop additional white ones.

There was nothing else in the room.

That was it.

The exhibit called "Warehouse," which has been at the gallery for the past six weeks, was stark to say the least.

Of itself the exhibit was lacking a bit in oomph appeal, and also begged for explanation.

But wait. Gallery director Laurie Jones always has a trick or two up her sleeve, and she's always looking for the unusual and interesting, which elevates the Rails End to much more than a mere space filled with visuals.

So while the potato thingy was strange and mildly amusing, the afternoon got really interesting when Jones, with a knowing little smile on her face, introduced "Warehouse" artist Carl Stewart.

He soon made the ceramic potatoes meaningful by way of a moving story, which was accompanied by a slideshow.

During his talk, prior to showing the slides, Stewart revealed himself to be a textile artist and weaver. What, the small but appreciative audience was collectively thinking, does a textile artist have to do with potatoes?

The answer was quickly forthcoming. Stewart said that "Warehouse" was a testament to his father, who taught him the value of hard work.

It transpires that Stewart was born in Prince Edward Island, to a potato-growing family. The business had been in the family for generations, and played a huge part in the lives of the present Stewart family, which included five kids. The potato path in the gallery "represents the path which led from the back door of our farm house to the potato warehouse," Stewart explained.

Sadly, tragedy struck in 1970 when Carl Stewart was only five years old. He watched helplessly, and was the only witness, as his three-year-old brother Owen was struck and killed by an automobile, outside the family home. After his death, Owen was to play a continuing role in

the family, especially with brother Carl.

"I was poorly suited to be a potato farmer," said Stewart. After taking a visual arts course in Charlottetown, he became a textile artist. He eventually moved to Ottawa where he and a friend share a studio space.

The slideshow featured images of small intricate wall hangings that Stewart had manufactured from the designs printed on the fabric of old mattresses. He cuts out sections of the designs and after cleaning the fabric enhances it with his own textile applications. He told some humorous anecdotes of hunting for mattresses in well-to-do Ottawa neighborhoods, late at night. "People have slept, had sex, and in some cases maybe died on some of those old mattresses," Stewart mused, in a thought-provoking aside.

The slideshow really came alive however with a return to Stewart's family roots by way of a series of images of his late little brother Owen.

The images of textile applications, based on a photo of Owen, were vaguely reminiscent of Warhol's multiple silk screen head shots of famous people such as Marilyn Monroe.

One set of Stewart's images showed the face of Owen slowly fading in intensity from image to image, until the final one was a mere shadow. It was a heartrending and poignant moment, made more so by Stewart's revelation that whenever there was a get-together for a family portrait, the original photo of Owen would be included in the shot.

Strange, interesting and sad; and while the "Warehouse," exhibit was ostensibly a testament to Carl Stewart's father, it was the story, and the slides of Owen, which completed the event.

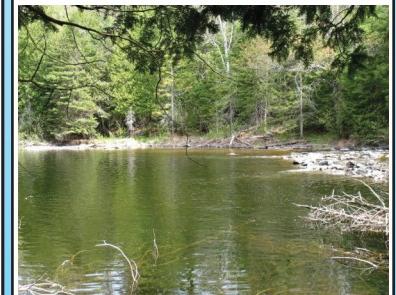
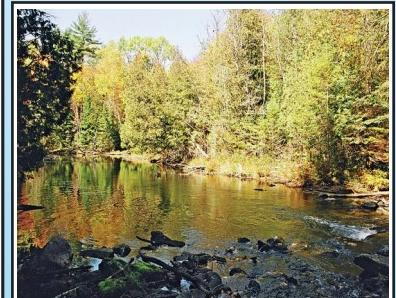
And as people left the Rails End Gallery they were cognizant of the fact that sometimes you need the full story behind the work, to truly understand the art.



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Haliburton County Outdoors

by Steve Galea



Hunting the big water

Less than an hour into our hunt, we had taken 10 mallards and five green-wing teal – not bad for three hunters pitted against some of the spookiest ducks I've ever encountered.

But just three birds shy of our combined daily limits, we called it quits. Though the temptation to reach our limit was great, the whitecaps, current and wind had defeated the brawny Chesapeake Bay retriever that we counted on to bring back our birds. So the next hour was spent warming the dog, feeding it every bit of food in the blind and collecting decoys.

Hunting late season ducks on big water is exciting and rewarding. After all, the migration is in full swing and the birds are concentrated. On that hunt alone, which took place on Georgian Bay, I identified 10 species of ducks (mallards, blacks, greenwing teal, pintails, canvasbacks, scaup, bufflehead, goldeneye, hooded and common mergansers) as well as Canada geese and trumpeter swans. The flocks were big and they had been heavily hunted so the challenge was great in terms of calling, decoy

placement and camouflage. But the shooting, when it happened, was some of the finest of the year. That's the draw of a late season hunt.

Forget all that though. The rough water, 40 click winds and frigid temperatures are the real story. These, after all, are the things that every duck hunter needs to consider carefully before heading out.

It's a little known and sad fact, but statistics show that duck hunting is the most dangerous of North America's hunting sports. This has nothing to do with the shooting, however, and everything to do with the rough conditions waterfowlers find themselves in at times like this. If you're not prepared, things can go bad fast.

On that hunt, we were about two miles out in the bay in a 20-foot boat blind with all the right gear. Even so, as we made the run out in the dark, each of us donned personal flotation devices and had agreed that the moment conditions got to be questionable, we'd head back to more sheltered waters. No duck, we reasoned, was worth a person or dog dying.

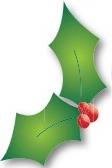
Crossing one open part of the bay, we hit a couple of whitecaps head on and immediately put three inches of frigid water in the bottom of the boat. Fortunately, we adjusted our speed and approach and made it to our set up location and put out 50 or so decoys. As the sunrise blushed red, we watched hundreds of birds circle the little cattail flat and pitch in to our spread.

So what is it you need to hunt these places late in the season? If you have the right boat, a reliable engine, warm, water-resistant clothes including good gloves and a balaclava, that's a good start. But experience on the waters you are hunting and sound judgment are even more important. Watch the weather; know your limitations; take no risks. And, above all, remember, that getting there is easy. Making the call to leave, especially when the ducks are flying, is the hardest part.

In hindsight, we made the right decision.



Steve Galea had a successful duck hunt, but notes once bad weather hit, he and his hunting party packed it up.



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Enthusiasm and skepticism at RTO meeting

Jenn Watt

Editor

It will take time before local tourism operators decide whether the new provincial tourism regions are a benefit or a hindrance to their businesses.

At the Pinestone Resort Nov. 24, members of the tourism sector came to hear about Regional Tourism Organization (RTO) 11 – now named Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization – which will analyze and market the region to the wider world.

And while there was enthusiasm for the work done so far by the OHTO, including an ongoing audit of tourism assets and a promise to increase marketing of the area, there was also skepticism about what was seen by some as another layer of government bureaucracy.

"I see another bureaucracy growing and not actually engaging the group it's supposed to be serving," one member of the audience said.

"This is our first opportunity to get industry engagement ... we're doing our best to get our communication strategy in place," Nicole Whiting, coordinator for the OHTO responded.

The OHTO along with 12 other tourism organizations in Ontario was formed in December, 2009. It encompasses Renfrew, Lanark, Hastings and Lennox-Addington among other municipalities.

On Wednesday, Whiting along with consultant Richard Innes, who is working on "strategic direction," explained the work done so far and what is coming for the RTO.

"The success of the RTO doesn't rest with the board [of directors]. It's you – your industry," Innes told the group.

He outlined the plans for the region, which included increasing the number of people visiting through development and marketing.

First, the RTO will study why people are coming to this area and then identify the gaps in service, including underperforming assets.

Then they will identify unique or keystone products or experiences and market them to a world audience.

Part of the process will be launching a "pre-

mier ranked tourist destination framework," which is essentially a highly coordinated inventory of tourism-related services and products in a region.

"It really is a process that helps us determine where we are as a tourism destination. It helps us determine our competitiveness. It will be a collection of critical data, that once we evaluate it, will really point to the areas we need to focus attention on," Innes said.

"It will really help us address some of the challenges we're facing."

Bev Quirt, tourism industry advisor with the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, was also at the meeting and told the group about her experience coordinating a premier-ranked tourist destination framework.

Through the framework, the group establishes what is unique about the region and then markets that quality to a larger audience.

Quirt described the experience Prince Edward County had with the framework.

"They really needed to know what they had. ... People found human resources they didn't know they had. They were able to help each other and cross-promote their products at each other's events. It brought attention to the fact that tourism makes money for that small municipality. What it is is a flyover, a look-see, at what you have and where it is," she said.

This same framework will be done in the OHTO.

The province has committed a steady base funding of \$500,000 annually until 2012 at which point it isn't known whether money will continue to flow to the OHTO. This year there is an additional \$375,000 of performance funding.

In order to ensure stability, the province has suggested a levy of one, two or three per cent to be charged to customers by those running roofed accommodations.

The suggestion didn't go over well at Wednesday's meeting.

A bed and breakfast operator pointed out that with the recently introduced harmonized sales tax and the rising hydro prices, a levy on customers wasn't going to help business.

She suggested that part of the HST charged by

accommodators be directed to the RTOs, rather than asking them to tax customers even more.

Pinestone managing director Frank Vismeg said it was unfair to ask accommodators to charge the tax, while other tourism operators would benefit from the increased revenue.

The Ministry of Finance has suggested a three-per-cent levy in OHTO would raise \$1.1 million annually to fund the work of the tourism organization.

After several audience complaints about the prospect of a levy, Innes said that businesses should wait and see what the OHTO does before deciding whether another three-per-cent tax was worthwhile.

"What we've been doing [up to now] hasn't been working ... as an industry, we need to do things differently," he said.

So far, the Highlands have been represented at the OHTO board by county tourism staff Bob Smith and Amy Brohm, but beginning early in 2011, the OHTO will restructure and needs one private industry representative from Haliburton.

Contact the county of Haliburton for information. There are also spots on product development and marketing committees as well as openings on the "champions committee," which oversees the premier-ranked tourism destina-



Richard Innes of Brain Trust spoke at Haliburton's Pinestone Resort Nov. 24 to members of the tourism sector about future plans for Regional Tourism Organization 11, now called Ontario's Highlands. **Jenn Watt** Echo staff

tion framework.

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Little theatre's murder mystery hits the mark

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Someone was killed at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion last Thursday night.

Richard Warwick was murdered in the Highlands Little Theatre's production of Agatha Christie's *The Unexpected Guest*, which played Nov. 25 through 27.

With the moan of a foghorn, the first scene opens on Warwick's South Wales study, with the dead Warwick (Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis, on opening night) slumped in his wheelchair and his wife Laura (Sue Black) cowering by a bookcase.

A stranger, Michael Starkwedder (Brian Kipping), arrives out of the darkness in panic as he explains his car has broken down nearby.

Starkwedder quickly realizes he has stumbled upon a murder scene and while Laura insists it was she who shot her drunken, egomaniacal husband and that Starkwedder should call the police, he instead tells Laura he will help her concoct a coverup simply because she's an attractive woman.

Black and Kipping did an excellent job conveying tension and urgency in an exchange that was comedic at times.

During the scene, the audience also learns that Warwick's mother (Dianne Hagerman), housekeeper Miss Bennett (Julie van Lieshout), servant Henry Angell (Anthony van Lieshout) and Warwick's mentally-ill half-

brother Jan (Justin van Lieshout) all live in the home.

Starkwedder also asks Laura if Warwick had any enemies and it is revealed that a number of years earlier, a drunken Warwick had run over and killed the son of a man with a Scottish name.

"Mac... something," Laura says.

When the rest of the house's habitants gather, it is quickly recalled that the man's name was MacGregor and that MacGregor had been known to have vowed revenge on Warwick for the killing of his son.

The bumbling detective duo of Inspector Thomas (Shawn Hagerman) and Sergeant Cadwallader (Louis McIntyre) is quick to peg the crime on the elusive MacGregor until it's discovered that he's been dead for a couple of years.

The second act becomes a spinning roulette wheel, in which, for various motives, it seems that any of the characters could be the killer.

It's revealed that Mrs. Warwick believes her son had become little more than a monster; that Laura has been having an affair with neighbour and aspiring member of Parliament Julian Farrar (John Miller); and that Jan has long felt oppressed by his brother and has come to possess quite a fascination with firearms.

The latter role was played brilliantly by Justin van Lieshout, whose nervous, fidgety mannerisms and rapid-fire, tripping-over-itself speech brought a nearly frightening realism to the character.

At one point, it seems almost certain that Jan has killed his half-brother, until it's revealed that the deceased MacGregor is perhaps not so deceased after all.

A strong cast not only kept the play moving at the speed required for a murder-mystery, but finely honed subtleties added an extra dimension; the way the unethical Henry Angell snoops over the shoulder of Sergeant Cadwallader as he takes notes, and raising his eyebrows, Cadwallader steps further away. This is happening in the background as Inspector Thomas is interrogating Julian Farrar.

Such intricacies in character interaction

added depth to the performance and this sort of attention to detail was also evident in the set itself. Warwick having been a game-hunter in Africa, the rhino and zebra heads mounted the walls, coupled with the African figurines on the shelves and tables, provided a backdrop that reinforced the brash character of the deceased Warwick.

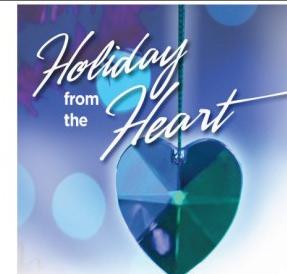
The play was directed by Curtis Eastmure.

The comatose part of Warwick was played by a different person for each of the four performances; Davis on opening night; then Mark Arike; then Bill Gliddon; then Haliburton Highlands Secondary School principal Dan Marsden.

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Hockey makes Haliburton what it is

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The history of Haliburton is connected to professional hockey like no other place, says a local writer.

Charlie Teljeur spoke to members of the Haliburton County Historical Society at the Maple Lake United Church this past Wednesday afternoon, sharing his theory and the stories that he has collected for his book, *There's something about this place*.

The dream to play in the NHL is real and is just steps away, he said, for young hockey hopefuls in Haliburton.

On the same street you can eat at [Walt] McKechnie's, get your skates sharpened at Sharpley's Source for Sports, owned by Glen Sharpley, and then see Ron Stackhouse teaching at the local high school, lending legitimacy to the dream.

It's bolstered further as all of these former NHLers are available to these young hopefuls, he said.

"These kids that are dreaming are getting direct feedback and that, as far as I'm concerned, cannot be overemphasized," he said.

For professional hockey players such as Colorado centre Matt Duchene and Cody Hodgson, who is a prospect with the Vancouver Canucks, it was their focus and hard work, including strong support from family, that was key to their success - a character

istic of Haliburton.

"We have a certain way of living, good, bad or indifferent, and the people we produce generally follow that blueprint so we don't produce that one egocentric person who goes out and goes crazy," he said, adding the Reeve Murray Fearrey is amazed how in a few short interviews Duchene can do more for promoting Haliburton than any advertisement campaign with his personal endorsement.

This ideal to strive for excellence in hockey started long before lucrative contracts were an incentive, when pride was the main motivation.

"The fact that we had such a hard history. We got fur trapping. We had timber. These guys were big, burly, strong men so there is a natural athletic ability that was formed," Teljeur said, adding these men brought their work ethic to the ice and their fists to fight for their towns. "It was the best of the best [who played hockey]."

Hockey united and gave birth to rivalries, forming deeply impassioned character.

The strength of every little community extended to the loyalty for their team, "their boys," and it lent itself to an instant rivalry such was the case between Haliburton and Minden, he said.

Winning the all-Ontario junior D championship by the Haliburton Huskies in the 1970-1971 season was a rallying point for the county as there



Local writer Charlie Teljeur, a guest speaker at the Haliburton County Historical Society meeting at the Maple Lake United Church this past Wednesday, holds up the *Haliburton County Echo* showing the votes for the Dysart Arena when it was built decades ago. Teljeur is working on the book *There's something about his place* that tells the stories behind Haliburton's connection to the NHL. **Darren Lum** Echo staff

were players from all over the county who contributed to the storybook win.

This book will not have comprehensive player statistics, but promises a great deal more as Teljeur has discovered in the process of collecting the stories.

Teljeur describes the process like a "murder mystery" where stories that used to stand alone are becoming connected to a larger picture, a constellation of anecdotes now revealed as several brilliant stories.

He said Haliburton's connection to

the NHL has its roots placed firmly with the Hockey Haven School, which was regarded as the "pinnacle" of schools.

NHL hockey greats such as Bobby Orr, who appears on the cover of the *Haliburton County Echo* in 1970, and John Buyck came to the area because of the school.

"No matter how good we are with Bernie [Nicholls], Matt [Duchene] and Ron [Stackhouse] and all the [hockey players], without The Hockey Haven this community would not be as nearly [well] known simply because that was the stamp of approval on the professional level," he said. "Without those three guys we're just a town with good genetics. It's as simple as that."

The school started in the early 1960s and attracted other well-known local former NHLers such as Walt McKechnie who worked with the haven. As a result Sharpley, who

was a friend of McKechnie's, later came and has since raised a family and established a business.

Teljeur continues to work on the book and is still looking for more stories and welcomes more public input.

The book is being published by local publisher Sellabration. It is tentatively expected to be completed by early 2011.

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The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit encourages local families to find out if children and youth who are 17 years of age and younger in their households can qualify for the Healthy Smiles Ontario program. People can phone the health unit toll-free at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 328 to find out more details.

"Make the right call because it can pay off for you by having the costs of dental care covered for a child or youth in your care," says Linda Coulter-Vansickle, a registered dental hygienist with the HKPR District Health Unit.

She notes there may be many situations in which people are eligible for the program and

may not realize it. For example, families who may be able to benefit from the Healthy Smiles Ontario include families with one parent or a single caregiver (including grandparents) with children 17 years of age and younger; families in which one or both parents are students who do not have dental insurance; and youth who are 17 years of age and younger who live on their own and do not receive social assistance.

In some cases, families may mistakenly think they do not qualify for the program because they make more than \$20,000 per year. "When we start digging deeper and looking at their adjusted family net income, people may in fact be eligible," Coulter-Vansickle

adds. "That is why it is good to call the health unit."

Families who qualify for the Healthy Smiles Ontario program will receive an eligibility card that can be used at any participating dentist or dental hygienist in the area. The program pays for the cost of visiting a licensed dental care provider and covers a full range of preventive and early treatment dental services, including checkups, cleanings, fillings, X-rays, scaling and more.

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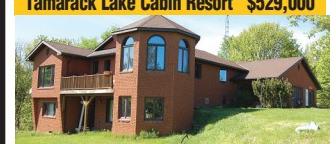


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<p>Haliburton Home \$242,000</p>  <p>Family sized home, 3 BR, 3 bath with separate family, living & dining rooms, lrg kitchen & breakfast nook. 1 BR bsmt with separate entrance. Att'd garage, municipal sewers & drilled well. Walk to town.</p> <p>Karen Nimigon 457-2128 x 29</p>	<p>Large Building Lots</p>  <p>Two prime building lots over 3 acres each with large frontage and great access off Hwy. 35; Commercial use is available on southerly lot, but buyer to apply. Offered at \$99,000 & \$125,000.</p> <p>Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52</p>	<p>The Quarry - \$319,900</p>  <p>Another elegant 2-storey custom home, 1826 square feet, to be built on Lot 9; maintenance free exterior, geothermal, stonework optional, Plus HST.</p> <p>Elizabeth Thompson 457-2128 x 52</p>	<p>Eagle Lake Area \$46,000</p>  <p>2+ acre building lot on paved road within walking distance to Sir Sam's Ski Hill and Basshaunt Lake. Minutes to Eagle Lake public beach and restaurants.</p> <p>Andrea Wilson 457-2128 x 25</p>	<p>Billings Lake Point Lot \$269,000</p>  <p>This Point Lot provides wonderful privacy on .68 Acre with 550 Ft frontage. Multiple exposures with cozy 3 bedroom original cottage close to water. Just move right in!!</p> <p>Mark Dennys 457-2128 x 30</p>
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Fuelling up on knowledge of renewable fuels



Woman on Wheels
Annette McLeod,
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With the Canadian Renewable Fuels Association's annual summit scheduled for Nov. 29 in Ottawa, it seemed like a fine time to learn about renewable fuels.

The Canadian Renewable Fuel Association (CRFA) was founded in 1984, well before renewable fuels were on the minds of many besides the most dedicated environmentalists.

"It originated with Ontario corn farmers," says CRFA president Gordon Quaiattini. "We were looking for multiple uses for feed stock. The industry really got its roots within agriculture." The most significant amount of development, he notes, has happened in the last 10 years, but the original agenda hasn't much changed - the sector is still looking for a way to diversify market opportunities.

Thanks to innovations in crop science - drought-resistant, pest-resistant seeds that require less fertilizer and less pesticides - grow-

ers are harvesting an average of 150 to 170 bushels an acre, where a decade ago they may have harvested 70. In the next 10 years, Quaiattini expects that number to jump to 300. Science has effectively, then, offered an opportunity for farmers to actually make a living from what they grow. It has also rendered moot the argument of not burning food for fuel.

Quaiattini says we've got a two-billion-bushel surplus of corn, even after food, feed and oil, and that it was commodities speculators following the U.S. real estate implosion that falsely drove up prices, not demand.

"The reality is that those (food for fuel) criticisms are misguided. We don't use food-quality grain for fuel."

In Canada, the biodiesel market is primarily an opportunity for fleet vehicles - buses, trucks, railways, marine fleets, agriculture and forestry equipment - so it's ethanol that will likely make the biggest impact on the average driver. Ethanol produces 62 per cent fewer greenhouse gas emissions than unleaded gas; biodiesel about 99 per cent.

In addition to the environmental benefits, the CRFA builds on two other foundations: job creation, and rural development. In the last five to 10 years, 28 ethanol and biodiesel plants have opened in Canada, as

well as six demonstration facilities. "[Private investors] invested \$2.9 billion, some leveraged off government programs. Ten or 15 years ago, we had one ethanol plant in Canada. Just the construction phase created 14,000 new jobs, and we expect to add about a thousand people to our workforce each year on the operating side, and about \$2 billion to the Canadian economy."

One of the most exciting things I learned: Enerchem, a Quebec-based company, broke ground at the end of August, 2010, on a commercial scale municipal waste ethanol plant in Edmonton. I'll admit to not even knowing it was actually possible to turn trash into fuel - I thought ethanol had to come from grain alcohol.

"After the recyclable and compostable materials are removed, what's left over, the stuff that's filling our landfills, is converted into gas, which can be converted into liquid, which becomes methanol, which is converted to ethanol."

By 2030, Quaiattini says global demand for energy will increase by 40 per cent, and supplying that demand is going to come from various sources. "There is space for all technologies," he says, "but renewable fuels are the most viable alternative."

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Red Hawks take flight in opener

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Dysart Arena was alive, filled close to capacity with fans as Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) offered their annual buy out, for the Red Hawks men's hockey home opener on Thursday, Nov. 25.

Haliburton played inhospitable hosts as they routed the Lakefield Tigers 9-3 to the cheers of the home crowd despite going down a goal seconds into the game.

The Tigers jumped to a one-goal lead with their first shot on net from Tigers player Cam Medland, who was their only threat, finishing with a hat-trick.

Despite the early setback, Haliburton remained composed and struck back in less than two minutes when Red Hawks forward Ian Bottum scored off a rebound.

Late into the first, the Red Hawks took the lead from a goal by Scott Griffith and quickly added with seconds left in the period from a goal by Ashton Haley on the power-play.

After the shaky start, Haliburton's goalie Andi Elia settled in and was steady for the remainder of the game, helped by his sure-handed defensive corps, who kept rebounds cleared and the puck moving out of the defensive zone.

The same couldn't be said for the Tigers goalie Mack Featherstone, who faced a barrage of shots and chances by the Red Hawks who kept up a strong forecheck through most of the game, aided in large part by quick tape-to-tape passing and incredible pace, keeping the Tigers on their heels through most of the game, including while shorthanded.

The Red Hawks' Mark Vasey scored the



Darren Lum Echo staff

Red Hawks forward Mark Vasey, who scored the game winner, skates through the neutral zone, looking to evade his check by Tigers player Dylan Gammin in the Haliburton home opener.

eventual game winner on the power-play from a Tigers tripping penalty in the lopsided affair minutes into the second period, already enjoying a two-goal lead.

Seconds later, Kenton Gadway's shot off the post and in past Featherstone proved more than enough to secure Haliburton's home opener.

Insurance markers came from Bottum, Griffith and Brett Yake, who led all scorers in the game with four points (two goals and two assists), while Griffith and Bottum each had three points (two goals and assist), including Gadway with three points (a goal and two assists).

The team dominated in every area of the game against the Tigers, including its special teams where they put in a yeoman's performance with three power-play goals and shutting out the Tigers on all six power-play chances.

This year's team exudes an on-ice maturity and discipline that is as apparent as the team's ability to stay out of the penalty box (five minor penalties versus nine) showed.

The team's coaching staff includes Ron Yake, head coach, Bruce Griffith, assistant coach and former HHSS principal Gary Brohman, manager.

The Red Hawks next home game is against Thomas A. Stewart Secondary at 4 p.m. on Dec. 3.



Left, Lakefield player Tanner Hunt collides with Red Hawks player Brett Yake, who finished with four points, during Haliburton's home opener on Thursday, Nov. 25. The Red Hawks routed the Tigers 9-3.

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Position	Name	Points
1	Erick Schuster	440
2	Eric Casper	414
3	Eleanor Lymer	410
4	Bryan Rivard	408
5	Jeff Barry	376.25
6	Paul Cameron	374
7	Scott LaRue	371.25
8	Ronald Sedley	366
9	Andrew McGill	363
10	Martin Schuster	363
11	Maie Arike	362
12	Ray Lymer	359
13	Michael Moxley	356
14	Jordan Hamilton	351.25
15	Orville Meeke	345
16	Robert McIvor	344.5
17	R Bell	343.25
18	Chase Heinemann	342.25
19	JoAnne Sharpley	342.25
20	Nancy Holden	341.5
21	Dwight Thomas	340
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23	Rhonda Shaw	339.5
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26	Ian Kemp	336.75
27	Andrew Carmount	335.5
28	David Douglas	335.25
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31	Beryl Rasmus	329.25
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Second draw third place - Moe Welch (vice), John Smillie (skip), Joe Sebesta (lead), Tom Merriman (not in picture).

High Park - Mike Jasenko (lead), Dave Robertson (vice), Wayne McIlroy (second) and Bill MacKay (skip).

Sixteen teams curl in Tom Stinson Bonspiel

The 28th annual Tom Stinson Men's Bonspiel was held at the Haliburton Curling Club on Saturday, Nov. 20. A full slate of 16 teams attended, from Haliburton, Minden, Bobcaygeon, Lindsay and High Park Curling

Club in Toronto.

The overall event winner was Team Pinestone of the Haliburton Curling Club. Team Pinestone won all three of its games, and out-pointed the other undefeated team, led by Bill MacKay

from High Park. In their third round match-ups, these teams narrowly defeated two Haliburton rinks led by Wayne Hussey and Peter Byer.

The third place teams from each of the two draws, also from Haliburton, were skipped by Bruce Martin and John Smillie.

The club thanks the many volunteers who assisted during the bonspiel, and our local merchant partners, without whose support the event could not be successful.

This bonspiel is played in memory of Tom Stinson – long-time Haliburton resident, past president of the Haliburton Curling Club and driving force in the construction of the club facilities.

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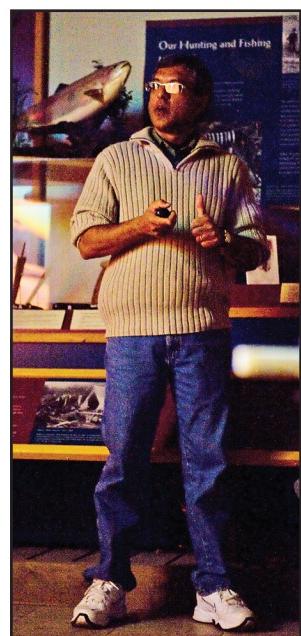
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First draw leader after two rounds - Ernie Ross (lead), John Raney (vice), Neil Oke (second) and Wayne Hussey (skip)



Second draw leader after two rounds - Dick Duchemin (lead), Brian Murison (vice), Doug Wagg (second) and Peter Byer (skip).



Team Pinestone - Larry Holden (second), Terry Roche (vice), Dave Connell (skip) and Case Bassie (lead).

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Senior boys start season with win

The senior boys' basketball team opened their season on the weekend of Nov. 20 and 21 with a 40-38 victory over PCVS.

In their next two matches the Hawks lost to last year's COSSA AA champs, Thomas A. Stewart 51-43 and LCVI by a single point. Luke Watson scored 17, 15, and 25 points in the three games and Jesse Lefebvre had 13, 12, and 10 rebounds in the three games.
Above, Luke Watson sinks the basketball during the game.

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Hockey players take to a different rink

There were close 20 All Canadian Hockey School students who spent a day in Haliburton, giving to the 4Cs food bank, receiving instruction at the Haliburton Curling Club, spending time at the Royal Canadian Legion, and playing an informal game of hockey against a team of local children.

The students were from Grade 4 to Grade 8. The school regularly visits Haliburton, emphasizing there is more to Ontario than Toronto.

The All Canadian Hockey School student Thomas Granelli, crouched, watches his practice shot slide as Haliburton Curling Club member and instructor John Smillie watches with Dylan Tessier stands, waiting for his turn during the practical portion of the curling lesson.

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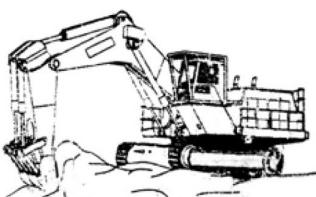
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Hockey tournaments score an assist for county

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

When events dwindle during the autumn and there is little to draw visitors to Haliburton County, hockey tournaments bring more than an opportunity for youth to partake in athletics.

This weekend, the Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association is hosting its eighth annual Atom AE and Peewee AE Silver Stick Regional Tournaments in Minden and Haliburton. It is one of several tournaments hosted by the Storm and according to its tournament convener, Wade MacInnes, there is an infusion of at least \$500,000 to the county for the total value of all of the tournament weekends. Most families will spend at least \$500 per day at a weekend tournament, including transportation, food and accommodation.

"Any time you have a local organization holding a tournament that brings in [hundreds of] outside visitors it's obviously a large economic boon to the local area," said Haliburton County's Robert Smith, director of economic development, tourism and marketing.

He said the autumn shoulder season is generally when there are not any leaves and no snow. This usually falls between late-October to late-December. However, the kind of shoulder season experienced can vary from business to business, he said, referring to accommodation versus destination type of businesses. The strength of a shoulder season's economic impact is largely determined by the weather, as a muddy and wet season is generally bad for the local economy contrasted to a warm and dry autumn.

His staff is working towards adding events to the spring and autumn shoulder seasons like all other rural communities in Ontario.

Smith said Amy Brohm, the county's tourism marketing coordinator attended a one-day conference called Beyond the City Lights in Bancroft on Oct. 21, discussing the development of products for the shoulder season.

Joachim Matysek, owner of Sandy Lane Resort for 22 years, said these tournaments are a major part of his business in the autumn shoulder season when there is little else to draw tourists.

"The events and activities that are brought in the area are

very important to us especially during that quiet time," he said, adding the period when there are not any leaves on the trees or enough snow for winter activities is particularly quiet. "They're dead times. There is no question about it and what we need are events during the quiet times."

In the two upcoming weekends this month, his resort is already completely booked. When they are not sold out, it is near to capacity every weekend a tournament is held, including adult hockey tournaments such as the Coby Islander tournament during Easter.

Matysek has had teams from Napanee and Georgetown return every year.

With 16 cottages on site, Sandy Lane can accommodate up to 125 people. His business is second only to the Pinestone Resort Conference Centre and Golf Course for accommodation, he said.

Frank Vismeg, managing director of the Pinestone said besides a few social events such as Christmas parties and conferences by the Canadian Society of Association Executives (CSAE), accounting for hundreds of people, hockey tournaments help to bring in close to 75 per cent of his business between the end of October and the end of December.

He adds that during the tournament weekends his resort is at least 70 per cent close to capacity, referring specifically to the most recent tournaments.

The Pinestone is capable of accommodating up to 250.

This lifeblood of the shoulder season income is unlikely to end, as MacInnes is confident in the association and its ability to run a great tournament.

"The health of a tournament is having a good reputation for being a fun tournament to go to. That's the bottom line. If you make money for your association that's a bonus," he said, adding the individual tournaments are left to the parents and coaches to organize and its success depends on them. "It gives your teams an opportunity to fundraise. At the same time it helps your community. It's a good thing all around. It's a win-win in every way you look at it."

There are 72 teams that will participate in the tournaments this autumn. They account for between \$4,500 and \$7,500 of the association's income and kept costs down.

As a result, MacInnes believes registration fees for house league are competitive for the province starting at \$340. Part of this can also be attributed to discounted youth rates

(29 per cent for Minden and 32 per cent for Dysart) offered by the two municipalities for minor hockey and organized figure skating.

MacInnes, who was instrumental in bringing the Silver Stick tournament to Haliburton several years ago, admitted he made mistakes his first year, but has learned and has always had a profit since, improving the tournament every year.

Last year he started to award T-shirts with the date and tournament name instead of trophies to participants, believing children will keep it and wear it instead of putting it on a shelf and forgetting it. Trophies were still awarded to the younger set of Novice aged (eight year old) participants. Most recently, he has partnered with Pointstreak, an online statistical system to collect and organize information, giving teams and players real-time game and tournament information.

MacInnes has put in more than 300 hours a year towards tournaments and hopes to hand over the reins at some point to someone else with a son or daughter playing hockey, as when he started. Before that happens he has considered expansion to the team tournament roster.

"Maybe it'll grow. It depends on down the road if we see a need that maybe we could support more teams or different calibre [of teams]," he said, adding growth of the event is also dependent on the size of facilities, ideally two rinks in one arena.

The Storm will be hosting their last tournament of the year for the Bantam AE and Midget AE teams on Dec. 11 and Dec. 12.

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Novice advance to final in Walt McKechnie tourney

The Peppermill Storm Novice team hosted their home tournament on Nov. 20 to 21. Teams from Stirling, Central Hastings, York Mills, Acton, Gravenhurst, Bracebridge and Campbellford travelled to Haliburton County to compete with the home team in the annual Walt McKechnie Novice tournament.

The tournament featured excellent fast-paced hockey as all eight teams competed on Saturday to advance to the finals which were played on Sunday.

The Sunday games were based on each team's results in the Saturday games. Acton captured the D final, Stirling defeated Campbellford in a thrilling overtime game to win the C final and the York Mills Rangers defeated Bracebridge to capture the B crown. The A Championship featured Central Hastings against the host Highland Storm. Both teams had advanced to the final based on their three wins in their Saturday matchups.

The Peppermill Boys opened the tournament with a tough 2-1 victory over a very experienced Toronto-based team. After yielding an early goal, the Haliburton County boys stormed back with two quick goals. Benn MacNaull and Zach Morissette provided the scoring but the game rested in the hands of the defensive corps featuring goaltender Nigel Smith and anchored by the stellar play of James Alexander, Isaac Little, Ethan Glecoff and Ryan Hall who time and again thwarted the York Mills attack especially in the third period as they killed off back to back penalties to seal the win.

In their second game against the Campbellford Flames the offense turned into high gear. Alex Little led the attack scoring his first of four goals in the first period scoring a nifty goal set up by Isaac Little and Mikki Bukta. Tyson Clements and Benn MacNaull

set Little up for his second goal and Paul Turner was rewarded for his strong forechecking, banging home a goal after defenseman Ryan Hall had pinched down hard to keep the puck alive. Tyson Clements scored the next goal and set up Little's hat trick marker. Little finished off the scoring with his fourth goal. In their final match the Storm defeated Gravenhurst 5-2. Defenseman Ethan Glecoff joined the scoring alongside Little, Morissette, Turner and MacNaull to send the team to the championship final.

The final was a fast paced game against a Central Hastings team which has lost only two games all season. The game was tied 1-1 after the first period, Alex Little having scored the Storm goal. Each team pressed hard in the second period. Central Hastings persistence was rewarded with a fortunate bounce and they scored late in the second period to take the lead. Nigel Smith was Price like between the pipes making several brilliant saves in spite allowing three late goals which gave the Hastings squad a well-deserved victory. The Storm team held their heads high having played their hearts out, bowing graciously to the best team on that particular day.

Walt McKechnie presented the trophies to both teams congratulating all players for their play and sportsmanship. The tournament committee would like to thank all of the tournament sponsors for the ice time, V&S Department Store for the tremendous prize table, Matt Duchene for the autographed Avalanche jersey and Wade MacInnes for all of his organizational skills in setting up what proved to be a tremendous two days of old time hockey. Next action for the Peppermill Novice Boys will be at the Silver Stick in Wasaga Beach.

-Submitted by Paul Morissette

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Peewee AE's undaunted by big ice

Before I tell you about our games this past weekend I have to mention that I forgot in the article last week to say that the boys came home as B Champions from the Campbellford Tournament.

This weekend's games were both away games against two of our tougher opponents. Saturday saw the team head to Huntsville for a game against the Otters in the Olympic-sized rink in the new complex built for the G8.

Undaunted by the big ice the boys headed out to play some hockey. They came home with a win of 2-1 against Huntsville. Goals going to Ethan Cooper and Drew van Lieshout, assists to Regan Casey, Alex Wilbee, Tim Burgess and Ethan Cooper.

Sunday saw everyone heading to Sundridge for a game against the Almaguin

Devils. This proved to be good game with Ethan Cooper continuing his busy weekend. Going out against the Devils again, the Storm's boys were working for a win. Ethan Cooper saw two goals this game, along with Mac Rider and Alex Wilbee making it a 4-2 win for the Storm. Assists go to Drew van Lieshout, Max MacNaull and Greg Crofts. The Highland Storm Peewee AE's are the only team so far to defeat Almaguin, Parry Sound tied them.

With these two wins this weekend it keeps

Randy's Tree Care and Landscaping Peewee AE's in first place in their division for the present time.

Please come out and cheer on our boys this weekend (Dec. 4 and 5) in The regional Silver Stick. The Peewee AE's are in Minden on Saturday with games starting at 8 a.m. through to 7 p.m. There is no gate fee for the games. There are seven other teams – Napanee Stars, Thoroold Blackhawks, Huntsville Otters, Parry Sound Shamrocks, Prince Edward County Kings, Ennismore Eagles, and the Port Perry Predators. Each team plays three games Saturday accumulating points for wins/goals to move on to play in the semi-finals and hopefully finals on Sunday in Haliburton.

-Submitted by Karena Crofts

Silver Stick this weekend

Be sure to come and cheer on the Atom AE boys the weekend of Dec. 5 and 6 as they host the Regional Silver Stick Tournament. Not only do you have the chance to see some great hockey but you could also win four tickets to see Canada in the World Junior Hockey Tournament, a pair of Toronto Maple Leaf tickets, a Sydney Crosby Team Canada jersey and many more great prizes!

First game for the Storm is at 10 a.m. Go, Storm, go!

-Submitted by Jon Petrie



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Dec. 4, we are having our annual wildlife dinner. There will be moose, turkey, venison, bison, bear, fish and elk for our wild game. This is a full-course meal, with all the fixings, and dessert. The cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children.

Dec. 10 Community Care is having their

Christmas luncheon with a turkey dinner and dessert with tea or coffee, all for \$15 per person, and to order tickets, just call 705-457-2941. Advance tickets only until Dec. 2. Dec. 12 is the monthly LA breakfast 9 til noon. A full-course breakfast, for just \$6 for adults, \$3 for children and children under six are free.

With the new season and snow coming on we will be accepting bids for snow removal for the winter season of 2010/2011. The job will be to remove all snow at the two front doors and the two side doors, as well as removing all snow from both sides of the graveled area parking lot. Put your bid in writing, in an envelope, to Box 171, Wilberforce, Ont., K0L-3C0. Bids will not be accepted after Dec. 3.

Lest We Forget:

Christian Douglas Hatch, born Dec. 7, 1970, passed away on Nov. 17. May God bless and keep him.



Youth Unlimited opportunities

Andrew Hodgson, left, hears more about sponsorship opportunities at The Bridge youth drop-in centre from coordinator Jamie McMahon at the organization's breakfast on Nov. 25.

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Fort Irwin Residents' Association stitches up funds for Community Care

Women from the Fort Irwin Residents' Association stitched a quilt as a fundraiser this year. Winners of the FIRA 2010 quilt raffle are: first prize quilt Kellie Martine (Etobicoke); second prize Shirley McArthur (Haliburton Lake). A donation from ticket sales went to Community Care.

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Further information for these Boards and Committees can be obtained on the Municipality's website or at the Municipal Office.

Individuals interested in becoming members may submit a letter with an enclosed resume to the undersigned by Friday, December 17th, 2010. Appointments to these Boards and Committees will be made by Council at their January 10th, 2011 meeting.

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• **Zechariah 4:6 Ministries Inc./Jericho Centre** will be holding a charitable fundraiser, wrapping Christmas gifts at V&S Haliburton in the front entrance every Friday 11am - 7pm and Saturday 10am - 5.00pm in December from Dec. 3 until the 24. Come and help us as we help you.

• **December 3rd : Night of Talent** at West Guilford Community Center. Program includes Algonquin Brass vocal and instrumental solos. Starts at 7:30pm, admission is by donation at the door. Refreshments after. Proceeds go to Pakistan flood Victims.

• **December 4th : Goddess Xmas Extravaganza** from 10 am to 2pm at the Haliburton Dance Arts (the old pump shop building) Take advantage of 30 min classes, Christmas shop for gift certificates, jewellery, yoga props etc. Refreshments available from 212. Cost is \$20 for entire day. All proceeds will go to Food for Kids and the Food Bank. Call today to book your treatment time Heather Mancuso 705-935-8811 or email shaktiyoga16@gmail.com

• **December 4th : Cookie Walk** Haliburton United Church from 10 am to 2 pm. Pick up a selection of Christmas cookies at \$4.50 a dozen. Bring your own containers.

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

Our sympathy to David and Ken Chumbley and their families upon the passing of their father, Frank Chumbley, in Hillsdale Retirement Home in Oshawa on Nov. 21 at the age of 90. The service was conducted by his son, Doug.

Sharon and Dianne Hagerman have turned in four fine per-

formances for the Highlands Little Theatre last week in the Agatha Christie play *The Unexpected Guest*, from Nov. 25 to 27. Their talent was appreciated by the cast and audiences alike.

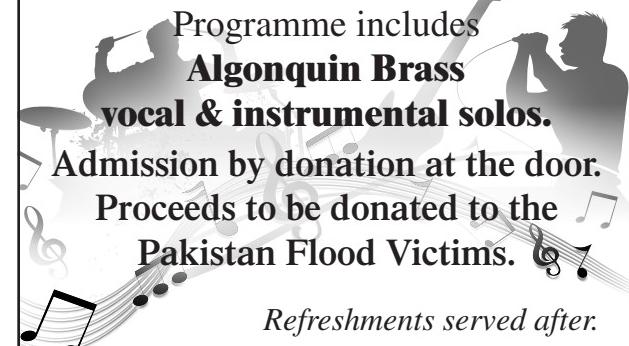
Canoe FM radio station on Mountain Street invites you to an open house on Dec. 10. You'll be able to voice your greetings to someone over the air yourself, if you wish, and partake of a few Christmas goodies as well.

The community centre presents a Night of Talent at 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 3. Donations at the door go to the relief of flood victims in Pakistan. Cheques made payable to the Canadian Red Cross Society and earmarked "Pakistan Flood 2010" ensure that funds will reach this destination.

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NIGHT OF TALENT

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• **December 6th: YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton** presents the 2nd Annual Guardian Angel Awards honouring women who have made a positive difference in the lives of women in Haliburton County. There will also be a discussion panel, special music by OutLoud Womyn's Voices and complementary light lunch provided by McKeeks. Great Hall-Fleming College, Haliburton 12-1. Everyone Welcome!

• **December 8th : Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild** Xmas Pot luck Luncheon. St. Georges Anglican Church, Mountain Street. Don't forget to bring your plate, cup and cutlery, also a wrapped gift \$10 limit. Everyone Welcome. Call Sharon for more info 286-1531

• **December 10th : Christmas Luncheon** at the Wilberforce Legion from noon til 2 pm. Community Care Haliburton County will be hosting a Delicious Turkey Dinner, Dessert, Tea/Coffee. \$15 per person. Call 457-2941 to order your tickets. Tickets only available till Dec 2. We would love you to join us.

• **December 16th : Christmas Luncheon** at Minden Legion from noon til 2 pm. Community Care Haliburton County will be hosting a Delicious Turkey Dinner, Dessert, Tea/Coffee. \$15 per person. Call 457-2941 to order your tickets. Tickets only available till Dec 9. We would love you to join us.

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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.
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Santa comes to Wilberforce on Sunday, Dec. 12

Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

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Got your entry planned for the Wilberforce Santa Claus parade? Yes, he is coming to our town just after lunch on Sunday, Dec. 12. So be prepared to welcome him and maybe even accompany him down the main street of town.

Something else came to town on a Dec. 12 long ago. It came 90 years ago and stayed. A lumber company's former bunkhouse had been moved up the street in Wilberforce to a new location and converted into an Anglican church. The first service in it at that location was held on Sunday, Dec. 12, 1920. Records show that 55 people attended. Hopefully at 4 p.m. on Dec. 12 at least that many will be there at St. Margaret's for a special service of worship and celebration.

Help flood victims

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Thank you to everyone who helped with this event from setting up the chairs to offering refreshments after the performances by soloists, vocalists and choral work of Out Loud Womyn. Roxanne Casey has agreed to MC the event, always fun to hear her expertise at this kind of presentation.

Euchre scores from Nov. 23: High - Iris Freeman and Henk Van Nood; low - Ginnie Muenzel and Gerald Hadley; most lone hands - Garth Windsor and Leon Jones. The specials went to Tina Hadley, Ed Muenzel, Ruby Parcells and Gerald Hadley.

The following was submitted by Carol Stamp:

The committee for the West Guilford Recreation Centre have organized a few events for the community starting with the Christmas dinner on Dec. 5 at 5:30 p.m. Adults \$15 and children under 10 years, \$5. Christmas music follows supper. For reservations, call 754-2464. The annual Christmas craft and bake sale will be held at the centre on Dec. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and food will be available from the snack bar. In addition, this year some of our local authors will be in attendance and will conduct a book signing.

The next day, Dec. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. the downstairs of the centre will become a movie theatre for the kids. The main attraction will be *The Grinch*. Admission is by donation. During a short intermission, food and refreshments will be available from the snack bar. The committee is hoping that this will become an ongoing event but will make that decision after talking to the parents in attendance.

Remember also that the centre is available for holiday rentals with two halls to choose from now. The downstairs hall has been newly renovated and decorated to accommodate smaller groups of up to 100 people. Our centre is important for our community and these events help keep our centre operating.

All welcome.

Christmas concert season has begun. Choirs and instrumental groups have been preparing for weeks. Audiences have been waiting in anticipation. If the concerts by Highlands Festival Singers are any indication, people won't be disappointed.

The music of the Glorious Hallelujahs concert was indeed glorious. This talented group sang their hearts out in concerts on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 27 and 28 at the Minden United Church. Led by Melissa Stephens, accompanied by pianist Wayne Cooper, this 60 voice choir was well prepared for the very challenging selections they presented. From Vivaldi's *Gloria* in 12 sections and Beethoven's *Hallelujah* to *Calypso Gloria* and *Christmas Lullaby* they sang their songs of praise. Greatly appreciated were the solid performances by soloists Marsha Sweet, Beth Kipping, Gina Coleman and David Hawley.

Adding to the pleasure of the listeners in each half of the program was the music of an instrumental trio of Bethany Houghton, cello, David Hawley, clarinet, and Melissa Stephens, piano, offering selections by Mozart, Bizet, Bach and John Rutter. These stirring concerts surely have set the bar high and certainly put the audiences in the true spirit of Christmas.

Nothing like live performances of talented Canadian artists. The Sunday Glorious Hallelujahs concert was for me the third and final treat in a weekend of music and dance.

In Toronto for a Saturday matinee

performance by the National Ballet of Canada the opportunity to attend a concert at the Glen Gould Studio at the CBC Building on Friday evening could not be turned down. It was "A Gentlemen's Christmas" by The Canadian Men's Chorus, a new Toronto choir directed by Gregory Rainville. Seven tenors and eight basses gave a powerful concert in this their premiere performance. They sang unaccompanied with only the occasional sound of an old fashioned pitch pipe noted. Even familiar pieces such as *We Three Kings*, *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* and *Go Tell It On The Mountain* had complex and striking arrangements. Their rendition of *'Twas In The Moon of Winter Time* was deeply moving. Best wishes to this choir which hopes to grow to at least 80 in number.

By the way, the ballets were excellent too. They were chroma, serenade and emergence, three distinctly different pieces. *Beautiful Serenade* by George Balanchine has been part of company's repertoire since 1962. The other two were very modern and challenging pieces that had the house on



its feet. As Rex Harrington commented in the pre-performance ballet chat "I'm sure the dancers all head for their chiropractors after each performance."

Now back to reality. lots of cookie to make. Chili to stir up. And all the final efforts that will make for a successful Christmas Craft sale this coming Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Lloyd Watson Centre from 9 to 2. Lots of shopping opportunities from about 30 vendors. Do plan to stay for lunch.

You have been asking what the Loop Troupe is up to these days. Good news. Some of the regulars of the the Troupe met last week and things are looking hopeful for a production in late winter. More news in early January.

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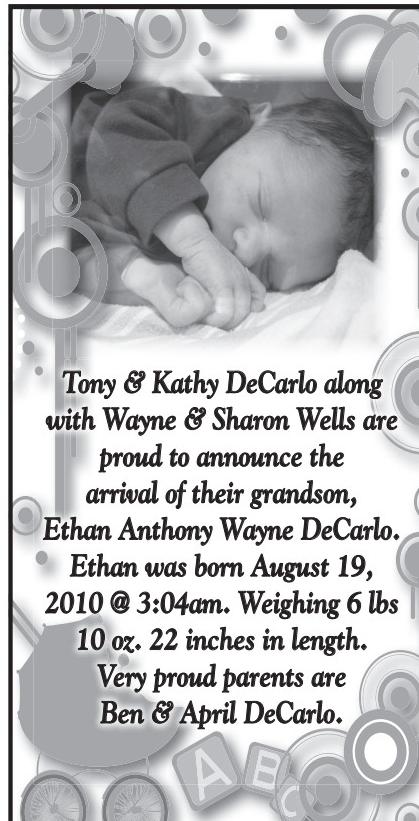
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Deaths

COSTAIN, Mabel Rhoda (nee James) - Passed away peacefully at Highland Wood Long Term Care in Haliburton on Monday, November 22, 2010, at the age of 92. Much loved daughter of the late Annie and Horace James and predeceased by her husband John. Loving mother of George (Jean) of Lindsay, Bruce (Barbara) of Nashville, TN and Carole (Lynn Craigmyle) of Haliburton. Devoted grandmother of Leigh Ann, Robyn, Mark, Doug, Dianne, and her nine great grandchildren. She will always be remembered for her compassionate nursing skills, her desire to help others, her quick wit and her love of life. Visitation was held at the **MACKEY FUNERAL HOME**, 33 Peel Street, Lindsay on Friday, November 26th from 1:00 p.m. until the time of funeral service in the chapel at 3:00 p.m. Interment at Riverside Cemetery, Lindsay. In lieu of flowers, Mabel's family requests donations are made to Highland Wood Resident's Council. Online condolences and donations may be made at www.mackeys.ca

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Folk Society to get government funding

On behalf of the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, Barry Devolin, Member of Parliament (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock), announced Nov. 24 funding for the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.

Funding will support the Haliburton County Folk Society's series of concerts to be held between April 1, 2011, and March 31, 2012, at three different venues: the Carpenter's Inn, the Haliburton Highlands Museum and the Northern Lights Pavilion. The concerts will feature a wide range of performers, including both emerging and established artists.

"We are proud to support these community-based performances," said Minister Moore. "These concerts give us an opportunity to showcase our country's talent and celebrate Canadian arts and heritage right here at home."

"The Haliburton County Folk Society concert series enables community mem-

bers to experience and enjoy folk music by first-class artists," said Devolin. "Performances such as these are a vital part of our cultural life in Haliburton."

"The Haliburton County Community Co-operative is very pleased to receive this grant. It will allow the Haliburton County Folk Society to bring wonderfully talented musicians to our community to perform at our truly unique Winter Folk Camp and regular concert series," said Jim Blake, President of the Co-operative. "Live music performances contribute so much to the vitality of our community."

The Government of Canada has provided funding of \$8,000 through the Canada Arts Presentation Fund of the Department of Canadian Heritage. This program gives Canadians increased access to the variety and richness of Canada's culture through professional arts festivals, presentations of live professional performances, and other artistic experiences.



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NEW PRICE! DRAG LAKE Private, well treed 13 ac. 1100 ft frontage. West exposure. Impressive views of Red Rock & natural shoreline, sloping to sandy bottom swimming, protected inlet, boat one of the best lakes in the County! Road roughed in. \$679,000	LAKE KASHAGAWIGAMOG Architecturally designed. Loads of character. 148' sand shoreline, south exposure, extremely private. 2br Bunkie with 3pc. Dbl wetslip boathouse & change house at Water's edge. \$649,000	NEW LISTING! DRAG LAKE 82 ACRES 82 magnificent scenic acres with waterfront and private road. Panoramic views west. Prestigious lake and Blueberry Point area. \$625,000	KOSHLONG LAKE Level lot, faces west, prime lake. Quiet Bay, peaceful & private. Spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath Viceroy. Multi level decking, att double garage. \$615,000	KABAKWA (PEACH) LAKE Attractive 3 BR on natural 1.03 ac lot. Pine interior, open concept creates country warmth & charm that buyers are looking for. Breathtaking view, west exp & sunsets. Clean sand/rock shore, swimmers delight! Cute Bunkie, large shed. \$524,000	MINNICOOCK LAKE Very private 'Linwood' cottage. 299ft frontage & 12 acres. Screened porch, large deck. Natural lot, Motor restricted lake. Naturalist's Delight! \$499,900
KOSHLONG LAKE Premiere Haliburton area lake. 10 min to village, 4 season access, S/W exp, rock shelf shoreline, year round 4 season use with cottage flare 4 br 2 bath, single car garage. Level lot, super swimming, boating & fishing. \$439,900	LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE With most building materials harvested from the property, this stacked cordwood cottage is truly unique. 5 br, open concept living area. If true 'cottageing' is what you want, see this. 255 ft frtg, 14 ac of rich forest. Ask for more information. \$429,000	GREEN LAKE Spectacular sand beach point lot waterfront home. West exposure. Landscaped lot incl. creek & footbridge. Hot tub room, attached garage, all wheelchair access. \$419,000	NEW LISTING! 3 AC LOT ON DRAG LAKE 152 ft of magnificent rippled sand beach facing west. Extremely private. Big lake view and great level building site. Call for details. \$389,000	NEW PRICE! NEW HOME Sandford Court. 3 br, 2 bath. 1682 sf home & full bsmt. Dbl att grg. 2.68 ac lot. Private. Minutes to town. Tarion Warranty. See it now! \$339,000	SANDFORD CRT. CUSTOM BUILT Large 2.01 ac subdivision lot. Raymac Corp. 3br home. 1682sf, full bsmt, Dbl grg. Quality materials & workmanship, Tarion Warranty. Ask for specs. \$334,900
INCOME OPPORTUNITY 4 unit apartment building. Good location. Easy rentals. Immaculate grounds, paved driveway, easy highway access. Live in, rent out, tenants pay the mortgage. \$299,999	RIDGEVIEW ROAD Custom built 3br, 4 bath. 2600sf living space. Beautiful cedar deck. MBR with balcony. Finished lower with spa room. Awesome village views, private pretty lot. \$299,900	GREEN LAKE Yr rnd home/cottage on water's edge. Gorgeous sand beach, level lot. Full w/o bsmt. Wraparound deck. Close to golf, store, skiing. 3 lake chain. Additional Backlot included. \$299,000	LARGE FAMILY HOME Large home on 28 ac at Cardiff Lake. Full walkout basement ideal for a granny flat. Spacious rooms, closets, European style. Lot of potential with some updating. \$299,000	STORMY LAKE The perfect package! 3br cottage on level lot. Big lake view, sand shore. S/W exposure. Private. 2 sheds, Shoreline deck. Firepit. Tidy & ready to go! \$298,000	COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITY Turn key property! Newly renovated & landscaped. Massive storage shed. Loads of potential for a variety of business opportunities. Recently run as a fully licensed restaurant. ice cream bar & mini putt. Large living quarters on the 2nd floor. Immaculate package. \$259,000
MOUNTAIN STREET Totally renovated home on 3.38 ac lot. New contemporary kitchen w/island. Bright open concept. W/O to back deck. New carpet & ceramic fl. Fresh paint. 2-4pc baths. Large Recroom. Garage w/ carport. Turn Key Home. \$258,000	SUPER STARTER COTTAGE 2 bedrm cottage on Cardiff Lake water's edge. Clean shoreline, pretty view, Good Yr rnd r road. Open living/kitchen area, 3pc bath, covered verandah. \$247,000	BOUGHNER ROAD 3br 'ranch style' on 10 ac lot only 10 min from Haliburton Village. Open concept living area. Sunken LR w/pine cathedral ceilings. Large master br with 3 pc ens. Full w/o bsmt w/ family rm, recrm (pool table area), 2 pc bath, laundry/utility area & separate workshop. Beautiful gardens, absolute privacy. \$239,900	COUNTY ROAD 21 HOME Top location between Haliburton & Minden on nearly 5 acres. Privacy, country surroundings with a very well maintained 3BR home plus large garage. Good value for your family home or investment. \$239,900	HIGHWAY 35 12 Mile Lake right across the road. Great view, great location for a home based business. Spacious, bright appealing home. Many upgrades & features for any family. \$234,900	WILBERFORCE AREA Charming round log home. Private on 24 acres with trails throughout. Country kitchen, main flr lndry, w/o bsmt with lge recroom. Double Car garage. \$229,000
MONROCK LAKE ROAD 4 season 3 bdrm home or cond. 245 ac lot. Rustic beauty. SOLD \$199,900	HALIBURTON HOME Great location near village & lots of room, outbuildings & potential. Contractor or home based businesses interested? Stone & brick home. \$199,900	HWY 118, CARNARVON Totally reno'd 4 br home on level lot. Large eat in kitchen, bright, spacious fl with woodstove & w/o to front deck. Main floor laundry. Single detached garage & carport. Big storage shed & workshop. This turn key home is ideal for a young family or retired couple. \$159,500	GROWLER LAKE LOTS Lots or Acreages Contact us for availability & sizes. Beautiful deep lake for fishing. Wilderness, beauty and wildlife at your doorstep! \$149,000 & UP	WENONA LAKE ROAD Home or Cottage. 2 bdrm bungalow situated on a level lot & close to access to lake. Large eat-in kitchen with oak cupboards, large livingroom with brick fireplace. Main floor laundry. \$129,900	GELERT ROAD Three bdrm home, nice bright & clean. Laminate floor throughout, pine kitchen, Sunroom, gazebo and 2 storage sheds. Close to Haliburton Village. Good starter home. \$119,900

REAL ESTATE UPDATE

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFER

QUESTION: I have never sold a home before. What are the procedures when I start getting offers?

ANSWER: If there are several minor provisions or a major one included in the offer, don't be put off if the agent would prefer to set up a time and place to discuss it with you personally and explain the details and financial elements. What may sound extremely good or bad over the phone may look a lot different when explained on paper. If several offers come in, it is best to consider all at the same time. The first offer does not have any precedence. If you have not acted on any offer, you are free to consider all of them.



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